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A SUGGESTIVE SCHEDULE FOR HOME-GARDEN WORK IN THE SOUTH

The following planting dates are suited to places on the isothermal line running through Norfolk, Charlotte, Atlanta, and Birmingham. For each 100 miles north or south of this line the dates change one week.

JANUARY.

Sow seeds of lettuce and cabbage in flats or hotbeds at school or at home.

Test garden seeds.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

FEBRUARY.

Transplant lettuce and cabbage plants from flats or hotbeds into plant frame or cold frame in the home garden.

Sow seeds of tomato, pepper, and eggplant in flats in school or in hotbed in school yard.

Sow in hotbeds seeds of annual flowers, such as asters, calendula, calliopsis, lobelia, cornflower, marigold, zinnias, stocks, verbena, African daisy, petunia, ageratum; also seeds of perennials, such as dahlia and snapdragon.

Apply stable manure to garden soil.

Thoroughly spade and rake garden soil.

Apply ground limestone to garden soil and rake it in. (Once every four or five years, at rate of 2 tons per acre.)

Mark garden into long rows.

Plant Irish potatoes, garden peas (smooth variety), onion sets, beets, spinach, radish, and parsley seeds in garden.

Prune roses just as soon as new shoots begin to appear.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

MARCH.

Transplant cabbage and lettuce plants from plant frame or cold frame to garden.

Transplant tomato, pepper, and eggplant from flats at school or hotbeds to plant frames or cold frames.

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Transplant some lettuce plants to hotbed in school for early crop. (Place plants 1 foot apart each way.)

Sow in seed bed seeds of hardy perennial flowers, such as columbine, platycodon, larkspur, coreopsis, oriental poppies, pinks, hardy carnations, gaillardias. Sow in seed beds seeds of hardy biennials, such as foxgloves, canterbury bells, hollyhock, sweet William, wall flowers.

Prepare flower borders; spade the soil deeply and mix in quantities of well-rotted manure.

Plant garden peas (wrinkled variety), spinach, mustard, radish, beet, turnip, carrot, onion, and parsley seeds in garden.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Watch for English sparrows.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

APRIL.

Transplant late in April tomato, pepper, and eggplant from plant frame or cold frame to garden.

Bed sweet potato in plant frame.

Sow celery seeds in plant frame.

Transplant annual flower plants into flower borders.

Transplant dahlia and snapdragon plants into flower borders.

Plant summer flowering bulbs.

Plant beans, Swiss chard, kohlrabi, carrots, parsnips, salsify, corn, cucumbers, melons, squash, and okra.

Sow seeds of alyssum, cosmos, mignonette, and nasturtium in flower borders.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

Plan for disposing of various crops.

MAY.

Care for lettuce plants in hotbed.

Care for sweet-potato plants in plant frame.

Sow seeds of brussels sprouts in plant frame.

Plant beans, pumpkins, and corn.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies.

Harvest and replant crops promptly.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

JUNE.

Transplant sweet-potato plants from plant frame to garden.

Sow tomato, cabbage, and collard seeds in plant frame for fall crop. (Sow tomatoes in early June. Sow cabbage and collards in late June.)

Sow seeds of hardy perennials in hotbeds. Shade plants with screens made of slats.

Transplant in seed bed hardy perennial flower plants and place plants 6 to 12 inches apart both ways.

Plant beans, corn.

Prune spring flowering shrubs and vines after flowers have fallen.

Plant dahlia roots.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies and plant diseases.

Harvest and replant crops promptly.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

JULY.

Transplant plants of brussels sprouts from plant frame to garden.

Plant Irish potatoes, beans, corn, carrots, and rutabaga.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies and plant diseases.

Arrange for a canning demonstration.

Harvest and replant crops promptly.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

AUGUST.

Transplant tomato, collard, cabbage, and celery plants from plant frame to garden.

Sow seeds of lettuce and endive in plant frame.

Plant beans, beets, parsley, kohlrabi, carrots, turnips, and garden peas (smooth variety).

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies and plant diseases.

Harvest and replant crops promptly.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

SEPTEMBER.

Transplant lettuce and endive plants in plant frame to garden.

Sow seeds of lettuce, endive, and cabbage in plant frame.

Root cuttings of roses.

Plant spinach, kale, mustard, winter radish, carrots, onion sets, and crimson clover.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Spray for insect enemies and plant diseases.

Harvest and replant crops promptly.

Have each child keep accurate records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

OCTOBER.

Transplant lettuce and endive plants from plant frame to garden.

Transplant hardy perennial plants into flower border.

Sow seeds of phlox, poppies, clarkia, and candytuft in flower border.

Root cuttings of hardy shrubs.

Plant kale, spinach, crimson clover, rye, winter oats; hairy vetch with either rye or winter oats; burr clover with either rye or winter oats.

Make composts of garden refuse, autumn leaves, and manure.

Keep soil between rows mellow.

Transplant asparagus roots and strawberry plants to garden.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER.

Transplant cabbage plants from plant frame to garden.

Sow beet seeds in plant frame.

Transplant bush fruits, such as blackberry, red raspberry, purple cane, black raspberry, and dewberry, to the fruit section of the garden.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs, iris roots, and peony roots in flower border.

Cut and burn asparagus tops, level bed, cover with well-rotted manure.

Mulch flower borders with well-rotted manure.

Mulch shrubs with leaves and well-rotted manure.

Order seed catalogue.

Make plans of home gardens and determine quantities of seed required.

Order seeds.

Have each child keep daily records of labor, expenditures, and receipts.

Summarize garden reports.

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